



Map and Guide

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Plan Your Trip



Welcome to Zion National Park. Visiting the park requires careful planning. Spring weather can be unpredictable, narrow canyons are subject to flash flooding, and dangerous cliffs are everywhere. Park rangers at the visitor centers can help you by providing planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant observation.



CONSTRUCTION
Major roadwork will occur in Zion National Park this year on the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from the junction with the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel.

The construction will affect travelers utilizing the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from Utah State Route 9 to U.S. Highway 89. Visitors using the South Entrance of

Zion who are camping, accessing the shuttle system, or staying at the Zion Lodge or in the town of Springdale may experience traffic delays when entering the park. Travelers going through the park from the South Entrance to the East Entrance, or vice versa, should expect delays and temporary closures of up to three hours. Bicycles will not be permitted in the construction zone.

Alternate routes of travel from Springdale to U.S. Highway 89 include Utah State Route 59 from Hurricane to Arizona State Route 389 and Fredonia, Arizona or Utah State Route 14 from Cedar City to Long Valley Junction. Visitors may want to consider using one of these roads if traveling to Bryce Canyon or Grand Canyon National Parks from Zion.

More details and updates regarding this road construction will be posted on www.nps.gov/zion when available.

Hours of Operation

| | April 1 to April 24 | April 25 to May 27 | May 28 to June 1 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Zion Human History Museum | 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| Kolob Canyons Visitor Center | 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

The Zion Nature Center opens for the season on Saturday, May 29 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Entrance Fees

All entrance fees are valid for seven days.

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| Private Vehicle | \$25 per vehicle |
| Pedestrian | \$12 per person |
| Bicycle | \$12 per person |
| Motorcycle | \$12 per person |
| Organized Group | \$12 per person |
| Commercial Tours | Ask about rates |

ZION ANNUAL PASS \$50
Admission to Zion National Park for one year from date of purchase.



ANNUAL PASS \$80
Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.



SENIOR PASS \$10
Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. residents 62 years or older.



ACCESS PASS Free
Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. residents who are permanently disabled.



All passes are available at park entrance stations.



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Zion National Park

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Park Information

435 772-3256

Backcountry Information

435 772-0170

Website

www.nps.gov/zion

E-mail

ZION_park_information@nps.gov

Lost and Found

Report at any visitor center

Emergencies

911 or 435 772-3322

Services



ACCESSIBILITY

The park visitor centers, museum, restrooms, shuttle buses, and Zion Lodge are fully accessible.

Several campsites are reserved for people with disabilities, and the Pa'rus Trail and Riverside Walk are accessible. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

The orientation film offers captioning and the frontcountry trails video has an audio description. Accessible programs are indicated in the Ranger-led Program Schedule. Assistive listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs. Please visit the Zion Human History Museum for more information.



LODGING

In the park, the Zion Lodge has rooms, suites, cabins, and a gift shop.

For reservations, please call 888 297-2757 or 435 772-7700, or visit www.zionlodge.com. There are other lodging options in Springdale, Rockville, Hurricane, near the East Entrance, Mt.

Carmel Junction, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.



RESTAURANTS

In the park, the Zion Lodge dining room and café serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Dinner reservations are required; please call 435 772-7760. There are also restaurants in Springdale, Virgin, Hurricane, near the East Entrance, Mt. Carmel Junction, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.



GROCERIES

There are grocery stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

There are convenience stores in most surrounding communities.



MONEY

An ATM is located at the Zion Lodge within the park. Banks and ATMs are located in most surrounding communities.



SHOWERS

There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available

in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



LAUNDRY

There are laundry facilities located in Springdale, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.



PETS

Pets may be walked on the Pa'rus Trail. However, pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles,

in public buildings, or in the backcountry. Pets must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Do not leave pets in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Cedar City.

Wildlife



Zion National Park is home to 67 species of mammals, 207 birds, 35 reptiles and amphibians, and six native fish.

Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found only in Zion.



"The squirrel bit me in less than a second." Wild animals can hurt you. Do not feed them.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been seen in the park. An attack is unlikely, and the park has never had a reported attack on people or pets. However, mountain lions have attacked in other areas.

- Watch children closely, and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
- Solo hiking is not encouraged.
- Never approach a mountain lion. Most will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.
- Do not run. Try to look large and put your arms up.
- If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back.

Please report any encounters or sightings to a park ranger as soon as possible.

SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

Be aware that wild animals can be unpredictable. Do not approach animals or attempt to move sick or injured wildlife. Please report any encounter with sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

Emergencies



For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435 772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435 772-3226. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Flash Floods



All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. By entering a narrow canyon you are assuming a risk. Your safety is your responsibility.

Watch for indications of a possible flash flood. If you observe any of these signs, seek higher ground immediately:

- Any deterioration in weather conditions
- Build up of clouds or sounds of thunder
- Sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- Floating debris
- Rising water levels or stronger currents
- Increasing roar of water up canyon



During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water twelve feet high or more.

Safety

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant attention. Your safety is your responsibility.



STEEP CLIFFS
Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks, there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Parents—watch your children



WATER
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, the Zion Lodge, and some shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

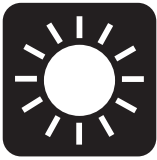
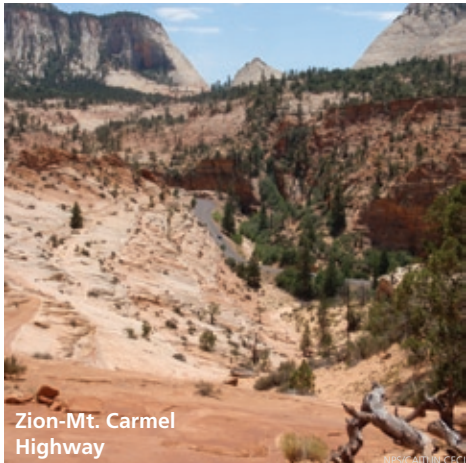


DRIVING
Zion’s roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35mph (radar enforced).

Wear safety belts and use child safety seats. Seat belts, or child safety seats, are required for all occupants in a vehicle and failure to use them is a primary offense in the park.

Don’t drink and drive. For your safety, rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.

To protect the park’s vegetation, please park in designated or posted areas only.



HEAT EXHAUSTION
Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses more fluid than is taken in. Signs of heat exhaustion include

nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headaches, pale appearance, stomach cramps, and cool clammy skin. If a member of your party begins to experience any of these symptoms, stop your hike immediately. Find a cool, shady area and rest with your feet up to distribute fluids throughout your body. It is important to drink fluids, but it is also important to eat. Drinking fluids without eating, while suffering from heat exhaustion, can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. If heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours, seek medical help.

HEAT STROKE
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. It is the body’s inability to cool itself. Symptoms include confusion, disorientation, behavior changes, and seizures. If you believe that a member of your party is suffering from heat stroke, it is imperative to cool them using any available means and obtain immediate medical assistance.



HYPOTHERMIA
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is the number one killer of

outdoor recreationists, even in summer, and it usually happens without the victim’s awareness. It is a hazard in narrow canyons because immersion in water is the quickest way to lose body heat. To prevent hypothermia, avoid cotton clothing, it provides no insulation when wet, and eat high energy food before you are chilled. The signs of hypothermia include:

- Uncontrollable shivering
- Stumbling and poor coordination
- Fatigue and weakness
- Confusion or slurred speech

If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately replace wet clothing with dry clothing. Warm the victim with your own body and a warm drink, and shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also help prevent further heat loss.



FIREARMS
Firearms are permitted in Zion National Park. As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people

who can legally possess firearms under federal, Utah, and local laws, to possess firearms in the park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable Utah, local, and federal firearms laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in Zion National Park; those places are posted with signs. If you have questions, please contact the park at 435 772-3256. The discharge of firearms and hunting within the park are prohibited. Utah State Law prohibits the open carry of loaded firearms on park shuttle buses.

Points of Interest



SHUTTLE STOPS

Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is by shuttle bus only. The shuttles provide access to some of Zion National Park’s most beautiful views and trails. A round-trip ride on the shuttle lasts about ninety minutes.

TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA

The gateway to the Narrows.
Restrooms and water. Ranger-led programs.
Access to Riverside Walk and Virgin River.

BIG BEND

Sweeping bend in the Virgin River with towering cliffs above.
Ranger-led programs.
Views of Virgin River, Angels Landing, and Great White Throne.

WEeping ROCK

Dripping springs create hanging gardens.
Restrooms. Ranger-led programs.
Views of Angels Landing and Big Bend.
Access to Weeping Rock Trail, East Rim Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail.

THE GROTTTO

Shaded picnic area among cottonwood trees.
Restrooms, picnic area, and water. Ranger-led programs.
Views of Virgin River and Angels Landing.
Access to Grotto Trail, Kayenta Trail, and West Rim Trail.

ZION LODGE

Historic lodge nestled in Zion Canyon.
Lodging, restaurants, bookstore, restrooms, and water bottle filling station. Trail rides. Ranger-led programs.
Views of Lady Mountain, Heaps Canyon, and Virgin River.
Access to Emerald Pools Trails, Grotto Trail, and Sand Bench Trail.

COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS

Short and steep trail to viewpoint.
Views of Abraham Peak, Isaac Peak, Jacob Peak, Mount Moroni, and The Sentinel.

CANYON JUNCTION

The junction of Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
Views of Virgin River and Zion Canyon.
Access to Pa’rus Trail.

ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Explore the human history of Zion Canyon.
Indoor exhibits, orientation film, rotating art exhibit, restrooms, bookstore, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs.
Views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain.
Access to Pa’rus Trail.

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

Starting point for any visit to Zion Canyon.
Outdoor exhibits, information desk, backcountry permits, bookstore, restrooms, picnic area, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs.
Access to Pa’rus Trail and Watchman Trail.



ZION-MT. CARMEL HIGHWAY

This ten-mile scenic drive connects the South and East Entrances. The road consists of a steep drive through switchbacks and the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. For large vehicle restrictions, please see page 12. Construction delays are possible throughout the year. Please consider an alternate route to avoid the construction.

KOLOB CANYONS ROAD

This five-mile scenic drive starts at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center and climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons section of the park and ends at the Timber Creek Overlook.

KOLOB TERRACE ROAD

This steep 20-mile scenic drive starts in the town of Virgin and climbs north from the desert washes into the aspen-covered plateaus of the higher elevations of the park and provides access to Lava Point.



ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Indoor exhibits focus on the human history of Zion National Park. A 22-minute orientation film highlights the dramatic landscapes of the park and examines the history of the canyon. Rotating art exhibits feature regional artists. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. Outside there are dramatic views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain.



ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

Located at the South Entrance of the park, this is the place to begin your exploration of Zion Canyon. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the backcountry. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. Outside you can walk along the Virgin River in the shadow of The Watchman to the south.

KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTER

Located off of Interstate 15 at Exit 40, 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City, this is the entry point to the Kolob Canyons section of the park. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Exhibits explore the geology, vegetation, and wildlife of this unique landscape.



The Taylor Creek Trail in the Kolob Canyons area of Zion National Park.

Recreation



CAMPING
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, and dump stations. All sites are half price for holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes. There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



FIRES
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be banned. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds and picnic areas. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting wood is not permitted.



BICYCLING
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed off roadways or in construction areas. When riding from the South Entrance, please use the Pa’rus Trail instead of the main road. Shuttles will not pass moving bicycles, please pull over and allow them to pass. Do not pass a moving bus. The rules of the road apply to bicycles. Please ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear your helmet. Each shuttle has a rack for two bicycles.



CLIMBING
The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are world renowned for their big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in Zion requires appropriate hardware and advanced technical skills. There are few top roping areas and no sport climbs. Permits are not required for day climbs, but they are required for all overnight bivouacs. Climbing information and route descriptions are available at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk.

Some rock formations and routes are closed to climbing from early March through August each year to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed include the Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, the Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at the visitor centers or visit www.nps.gov/zion for current closure information.

| Campgrounds | | | |
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| | Sites | Fees | Reservations |
| Watchman Campground | 164 | \$16 per night \$18 per night for electric hookups \$20 per night for river sites | www.recreation.gov 877 444-6777 Up to six months in advance |
| South Campground | 126 | \$16 per night | First-come, first-served |
| Lava Point Campground no water; pit toilets | 6 | No fee | First-come, first-served |
| Group Campsites organized groups of 9 to 40 people | 7 | \$3 per person per night | www.recreation.gov 877 444-6777 |
| Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. | | | |



HORSEBACK RIDING
Horses traditionally have been used to explore the terrain of Zion National Park. Guided trips are available starting at the corral at the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at visitor centers.



WATERCRAFT
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a backcountry permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 140 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.



HIKING AND CANYONEERING
Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Many hikes involve walking in water. Rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. River flow varies greatly depending on the time of year and weather conditions. Know the weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip. The forecasts are posted daily in park visitor centers.



BACKPACKING
Permits are required for all backcountry camping. There is a fee. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. See the Backcountry Planner for more information.



BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS
Permits are required for all overnights, through-hikes of the Narrows and its tributaries, the Subway and Left Fork, Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Reservations are available online for many permits at www.nps.gov/zion. Permits must be obtained at the visitor centers before your trip.

Backcountry fees are based on the size of your group:

- \$10 for 1-2 people
- \$15 for 3-7 people
- \$20 for 8-12 people

The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. The limit for some canyons is 6 people.



ZION NARROWS
The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2000-feet deep, and at times only 20 to 30-feet wide. The Narrows, with its soaring walls, sandstone grottos, natural springs, and hanging gardens can be an unforgettable experience.

It is not, however, a trip to be underestimated. Hiking the Narrows means hiking in the Virgin River. At least 60% of the hike is spent wading, walking, and sometimes swimming in the river. There is no maintained trail because the route is the river. The current is swift, the water

is very cold, and the rocks underfoot are slippery. Flash flooding and hypothermia are constant dangers. Good planning, proper equipment, and sound judgment are essential for a safe and successful trip. Your safety is your responsibility.

There are three ways to hike the Narrows, weather and water conditions permitting:

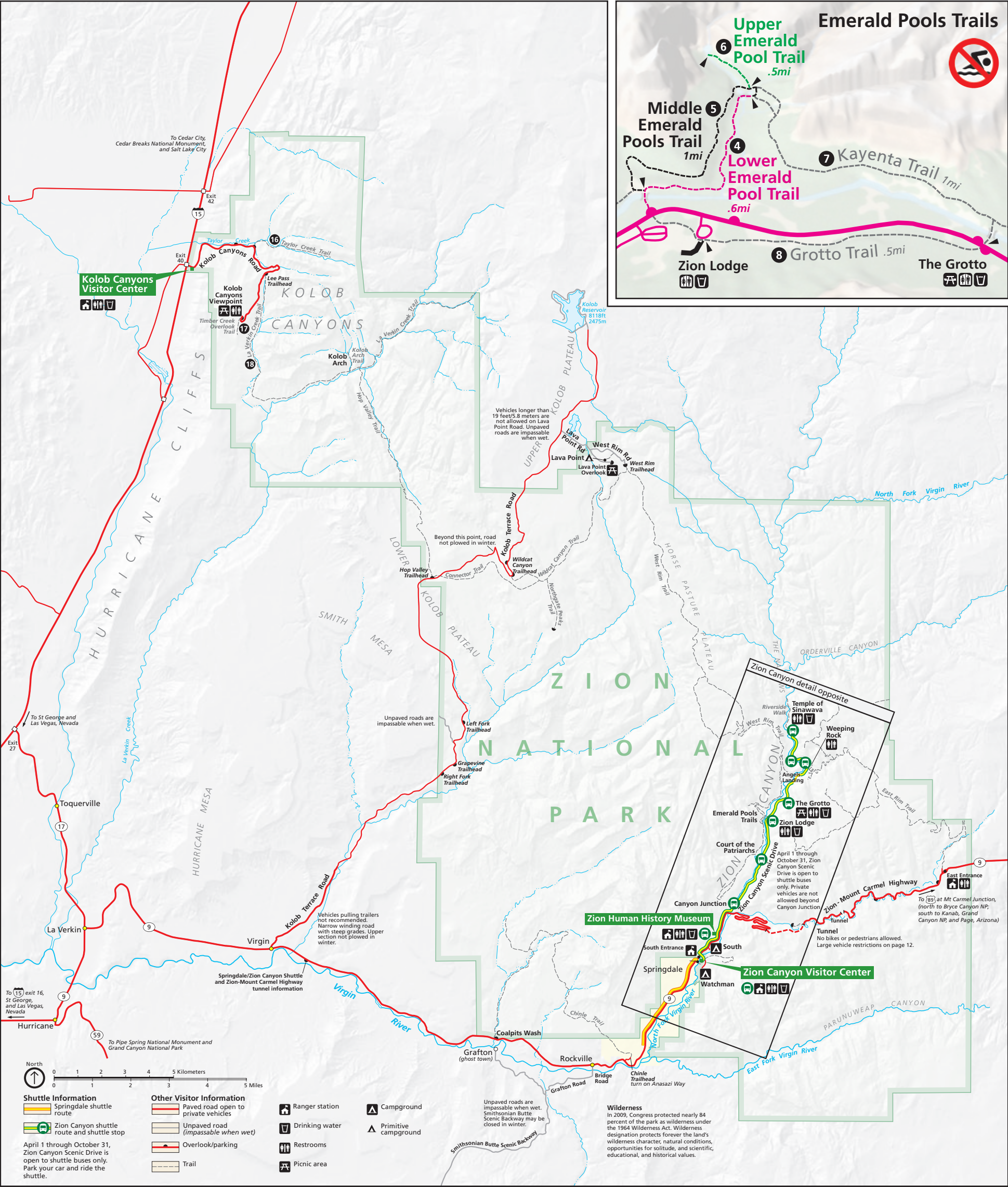
DAY HIKE FROM THE BOTTOM AND BACK
This round-trip hike can last up to five hours and is the simplest way to experience the Narrows. Ride the shuttle to the Temple of Sinawava, walk one mile to the end of the paved Riverside Walk, and begin wading up the river. There is no formal destination and you must return the same way you entered. Many hikers try to reach Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from the end of the paved trail. A permit is not required and group size limits do not apply. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited.

DAY HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM
This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

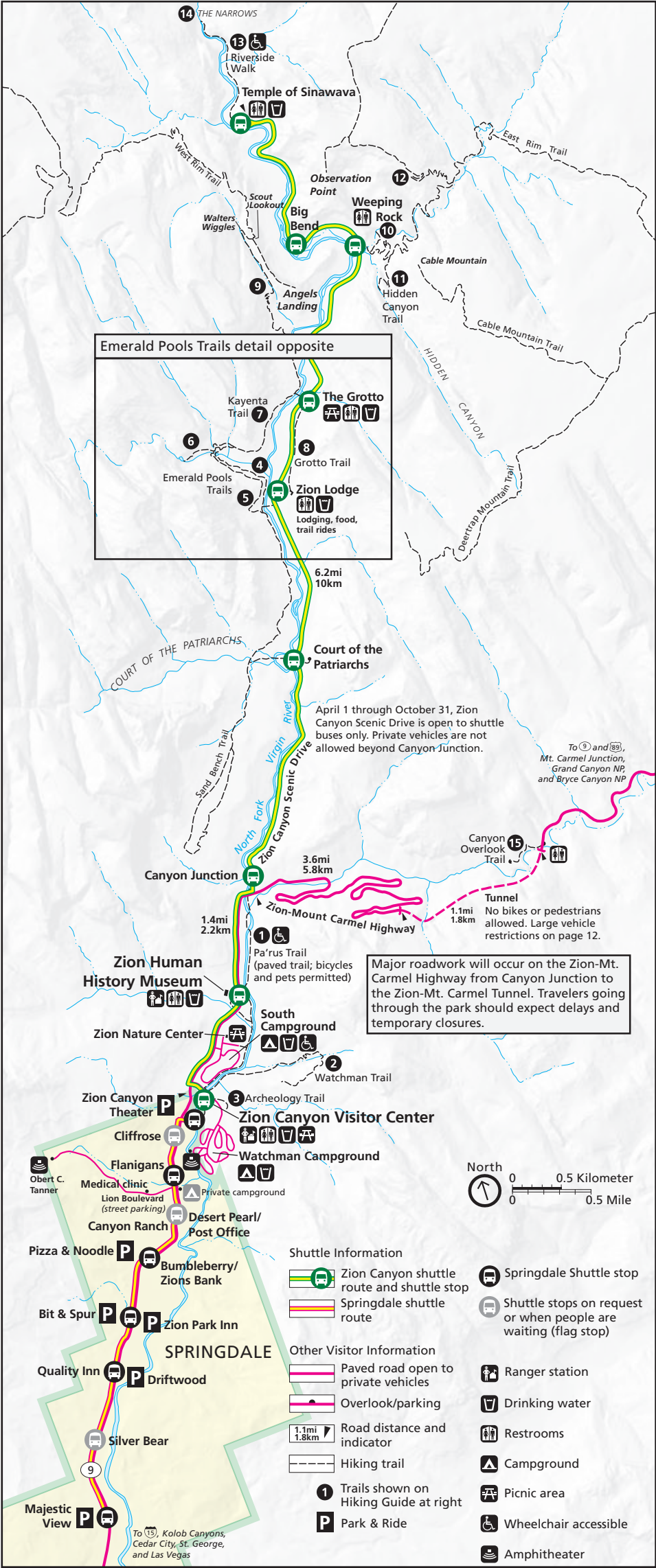
OVERNIGHT HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM
This two-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Maximum stay is one night. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

- THE NARROWS CHECKLIST**
- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
 - Wear sturdy boots with ankle support or closed-toe shoes.
 - Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
 - Children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
 - Carry out all trash, including food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, and toilet paper.
 - Carry one gallon of drinking water per person per day, food, sunglasses, sunscreen, and first aid kit.
 - Take a sweater or windbreaker, the Narrows is much cooler than other areas in Zion Canyon.
 - Pack your gear in waterproof bags.
 - Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in the Narrows.

Zion National Park



Zion Canyon




Hiking Guide

| Hike Location | Round Trip average time mi / km | Elevation Change ft / m | Description |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Easy | | | |
| 1 Pa'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 2 hours 3.5 / 5.6 | 50 / 15 | Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction. |
| 3 Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6 | 80 / 24 | Short, but steep. Starts near the entrance to the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailside exhibits. |
| 4 Lower Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge | 1 hour 1.2 / 1.9 | 69 / 21 | Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. Connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. |
| 8 Grotto Trail Zion Lodge The Grotto | 0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6 | 35 / 11 | The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pools and Kayenta Trails to create a 3-mile loop. |
| 10 Weeping Rock Trail Weeping Rock | 0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6 | 98 / 30 | Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits. |
| 13 Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava | 1.5 hours 2.2 / 3.5 | 57 / 17 | Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. |
| Moderate | | | |
| 2 Watchman Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 2 hours 2.7 / 4.3 | 368 / 112 | Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale. |
| 5 Middle Emerald Pools Trail Zion Lodge | 2 hours 2.0 / 3.2 | 150 / 46 | Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Middle Emerald Pools. Loose sand and rocks on stone are slippery. |
| 6 Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge | 1 hour 1.0 / 1.6 | 200 / 61 | Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff. |
| 7 Kayenta Trail The Grotto | 2 hours 2.0 / 3.2 | 150 / 46 | Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Middle Emerald Pools. Connects The Grotto to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. |
| 15 Canyon Overlook East of Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel | 1 hour 1.0 / 1.6 | 163 / 50 | Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. |
| 16 Taylor Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road | 4 hours 5.0 / 8.0 | 450 / 137 | Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove. |
| 17 Timber Creek Overlook Trail Kolob Canyons Road | 0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6 | 100 / 30 | Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains. |
| Strenuous | | | |
| 9 Angels Landing via West Rim Trail The Grotto | 4 hours 5.4 / 8.7 | 1488 / 453 | Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights or young children. Last section is a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. Chains added. |
| 11 Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock | 3 hours 2.4 / 3.9 | 850 / 259 | Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon. |
| 12 Observation Point via East Rim Trail Weeping Rock | 5 hours 8.0 / 12.9 | 2148 / 655 | Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to a viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap, and East Mesa Trails. |
| 14 The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava | 5 hours 9.4 / 15.1 | 334 / 102 | Read the Recreation page and check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. High water levels can prevent access to the Narrows. |
| 18 Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road | 8 hours 14.0 / 22.5 | 699 / 213 | Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. Connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. |
| Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Always stay back from edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below. | | | |

Ranger-led Programs

Talks

All talks are on the patio of the Zion Human History Museum, except the Ranger’s Choice at the Zion Lodge. 20 to 30 minutes in length. 

ANIMAL ICONS

Discover the habits and adaptations of one of Zion’s famous residents.

DESERT STRUGGLES

Uncover the secrets of survival in the harsh desert environment.

FOOTSTEPS IN TIME

Explore the history and culture of Utah’s native people.

PIONEER GLIMPSES

Unravel the lifestyles and history of Zion Canyon’s early residents.

STORIES IN STONE

Unearth the past by exploring the fossil record left behind.

WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME

Uncover the geologic story behind the striking scenery.

WINDOWS INTO THE PAST

Discover past events or projects that shaped Zion National Park.

ZION ZOOLOGY

Explore the natural history of some of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants.

RANGER’S CHOICE

Join a ranger and explore a topic of their choice on the Zion Lodge lawn.

Walks

CANYON COUNTRY

2.5 hours, strenuous 2-mile hike
Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop
Reward yourself with the hidden surprises found along Zion’s impressive terrain and narrow canyons. Not suitable for small children.

DESERT SOJOURN

2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike
The Grotto Shuttle Stop
Hike amidst the spectacular scenery and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history.

EMERALD ESCAPE

2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike
Emerald Pools Trailhead
Experience the splendors found along an ever-changing trail.


FACES AND PLACES IN TIME

1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk
Zion Lodge Lawn
Immerse yourself in the history of Zion Canyon on a stunning tree-lined trail along the river.

FROM CACTI TO COTTONWOODS

2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike
Visitor Center Shuttle Stop
Explore the fascinating world of wildflowers, trees, and other plant life.

RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

1.75 hours, easy 2-mile walk
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Discover the striking power and role of water in canyon country. 

ROCK AND STROLL

1.25 hours, easy 1-mile walk
Big Bend Shuttle Stop
Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery.


WALKING THE WATCHMAN

2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike
Visitor Center Shuttle Stop
Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life.

WHAT’S FLYIN’ IN ZION

2 hours, easy 1-mile bird walk
Location Varies
Locate, identify, and discuss Zion’s winged wonders. Make free reservations, in person, no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Bring binoculars. Ask about accessibility options.

Drop-In Programs

Stop by anytime between the times listed. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour. 


CANVAS OF CLIFFS

Big Bend Shuttle Stop
Observe peregrines, condors, climbers or other life on the cliffs through a spotting scope and discover the stories of the surrounding peaks. Weather permitting.


RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS

Temple of Sinawava
Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Zion and discover its unique diversity. Program site is located 300 yards up the Riverside Walk.

Ride with a Ranger Shuttle Tours

Enjoy a unique 2-hour experience on a morning or evening ranger-led shuttle bus tour as you travel the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Several stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited—make free reservations, in person, up to one day in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. 

Evening Programs

Watchman Campground Amphitheater & Zion Lodge Auditorium
Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute evening programs addressing a myriad of topics are offered many evenings this spring. Parking is available at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for specific topics. 

Junior Ranger Program

Junior Ranger Handbooks are available for \$1 at the visitor center and bookstores. Children ages 6-12 can earn a badge by completing the booklet and reviewing their answers with a park ranger. If children complete the booklet and attend at least one ranger-led program, they will earn an Explorer Patch. Children under 6 can earn a decal by completing an activity sheet available for free at the visitor centers and museum.

Program Schedule

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| FRIDAY, APRIL 2 11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 3:30 p.m. Walking the Watchman 8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program | 9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | 4:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program 9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program: Artist-in-Residence Presentation | SATURDAY, APRIL 24 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 3 9:30 a.m. Desert Sojourn 11:25 a.m. Animal Icons 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program | SATURDAY, APRIL 10 11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology 4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn 9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | SUNDAY, APRIL 18 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs 11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles 2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time 4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | SUNDAY, APRIL 25 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs 11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 4 10-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs 11:25 a.m. Pioneer Glimpses 2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology 3:30 p.m. Emerald Escape | SUNDAY, APRIL 11 10:00 a.m. Riverside Ramble 11:25 a.m. Animal Icons 2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time | MONDAY, APRIL 19 2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology | MONDAY, APRIL 26 9:00 a.m. Emerald Escape 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone 2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time 4:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program |
| MONDAY, APRIL 5 11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone 2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles 4:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble | MONDAY, APRIL 12 11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn | TUESDAY, APRIL 20 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | TUESDAY, APRIL 27 9:00 a.m. Canyon Country 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles 2:25 p.m. Animal Icons 4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 6 9:30 a.m. Desert Sojourn 11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology 2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past | TUESDAY, APRIL 13 11:25 a.m. Animal Icons 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble 2:25 p.m. Animal Icons 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 9:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion 11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone 4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 12:55 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses 2:55 p.m. Zion Zoology 4:00 p.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods | THURSDAY, APRIL 22 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 9:30 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods 1:25 p.m. Windows into the Past 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | THURSDAY, APRIL 29 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 8 11:25 a.m. Animal Icons 2:25 p.m. Desert Struggles 4:00 p.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods | THURSDAY, APRIL 15 10:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time | FRIDAY, APRIL 23 9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger 9:30 a.m. Rock and Stroll 11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 9 11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape | FRIDAY, APRIL 16 3:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time 9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program | | |
| | SATURDAY, APRIL 17 11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology 2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time | | |

11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:55 p.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, MAY 3

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:30 a.m. Faces and Places in Time
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Canyon Country
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone
4:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:30 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Footsteps in Time
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, MAY 7

8:45 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, MAY 8

9:00 a.m. Desert Sojourn
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:30-11 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:55 p.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology

5:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, MAY 9

9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:00 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:55 p.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, MAY 10

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Pioneer Glimpses
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:30 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:30 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
5:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 a.m. Walking the Watchman
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
4:30 p.m. Faces and Places in Time
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 a.m. Rock and Stroll
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past
5:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:45 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
5:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:30 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
5:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
5:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, MAY 17

9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Canyon Country
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Footsteps in Time
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
5:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, MAY 18

8:45 a.m. Walking the Watchman
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
5:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone
5:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, MAY 20

8:45 a.m. Walking the Watchman
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
5:30 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, MAY 21

8:45 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Pioneer Glimpses
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
5:30 p.m. Faces and Places in Time
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, MAY 22

8:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
5:30 p.m. Desert Sojourn
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, MAY 23

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
12:55 p.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
5:00 p.m. Riverside Ramble
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, MAY 24

8:45 a.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone
12:55 p.m. Desert Struggles
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
5:30 p.m. Emerald Escape
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. Canyon Country
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Windows into the Past
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

8:00 a.m. What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:45 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 a.m. Desert Struggles
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, MAY 27

8:45 a.m. Walking the Watchman
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:55 p.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Animal Icons
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, MAY 28

9:00 a.m. Faces and Places in Time
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
12:55 p.m. Stories in Stone
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, MAY 29

9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
12:55 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
6:30 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, MAY 30

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
10:30-noon Riverside Rendezvous
12:55 p.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Desert Sojourn
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, MAY 31

9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
9-10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:30 a.m. Riverside Ramble
11:25 a.m. Animal Icons
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 p.m. Ranger’s Choice
6:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
6:30 p.m. Ride with a Ranger
9:00 p.m. Lodge Evening Program
9:30 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

Weather



Always be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. In spring, wet weather is not unusual, but warm, sunny weather is typical. Temperatures in the park can vary dramatically with changes in elevation and the time of day. Mornings and evenings can be cool. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.

Precipitation peaks in March. High water levels due to snow melt often continue into late May. Wildflowers bloom from April through June, peaking in May.

| Month | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Temperature (°F) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| normal daily max | 52 | 57 | 63 | 73 | 83 | 93 | 100 | 97 | 91 | 78 | 63 | 53 |
| normal daily min | 29 | 31 | 36 | 43 | 52 | 60 | 68 | 66 | 60 | 49 | 37 | 30 |
| extreme high | 71 | 78 | 86 | 94 | 102 | 114 | 115 | 111 | 110 | 97 | 83 | 71 |
| extreme low | -2 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 22 | 40 | 51 | 50 | 33 | 23 | 13 | 6 |
| days above 90°F | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 30 | 28 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| days below 32°F | 19 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 18 |
| Precipitation (inches) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| normal | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| maximum | 7.5 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| max 24 hour | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| maximum snowfall | 26 | 18 | 14 | 3 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | T | 1 | 5 | 21 |
| days w/ precipitation | 7 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| no. thunderstorms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Temperatures in the Kolob Canyons may be five to ten degrees cooler than Zion Canyon.

Leave No Trace



Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources.

Conserving this heritage is a task the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future. Please show respect for your national park.

Carry all of your trash out of the park, including toilet paper.

Please stay on marked trails. Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape.

Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as \$250.

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park. Leave the flowers, rocks, and anything else that you might find for others to enjoy.

Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

Allow others to enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.



ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM

The Zion Canyon Shuttle System was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. Each full shuttle replaces 28 cars. In 2008, the shuttles reduced the number of visitor vehicle miles traveled per day by 50,385 and reduced CO² emissions by 24,201 pounds, over 12 tons, per day.

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER
The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is a excellent example of sustainable design. The daylighting, natural ventilation cooling, downdraft cooltowers, Trombe wall heating, and roof-mounted photo-voltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent compared to a typical visitor center. The sustainability measures in this building save 148,830 kWh each year, saving the park \$14,000 annually and stopping the release of 181 tons of CO² into the atmosphere annually.

ZION LODGE
The Zion Lodge goes to great lengths to reduce energy consumption. Their efforts save 24 thousand gallons of fuel, 1.7 million pounds of gas emissions, and 2.5 million gallons of water annually. They also recycle grease for use in their vehicles.

SOLAR POWER
Solar power provides clean energy. Two remote ranger cabins run completely on solar power and three park entrance stations are partially solar powered.

Sun and Moon

| Date | Sunrise | Sunset |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| April 1 | 7:18 a.m. | 7:55 p.m. |
| April 15 | 6:57 a.m. | 8:07 p.m. |
| May 1 | 6:37 a.m. | 8:21 p.m. |
| May 15 | 6:23 a.m. | 8:34 p.m. |
| June 1 | 6:13 a.m. | 8:47 p.m. |

Full Moon
March 29
April 28
May 27

Additional solar projects are underway at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, Zion Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters.

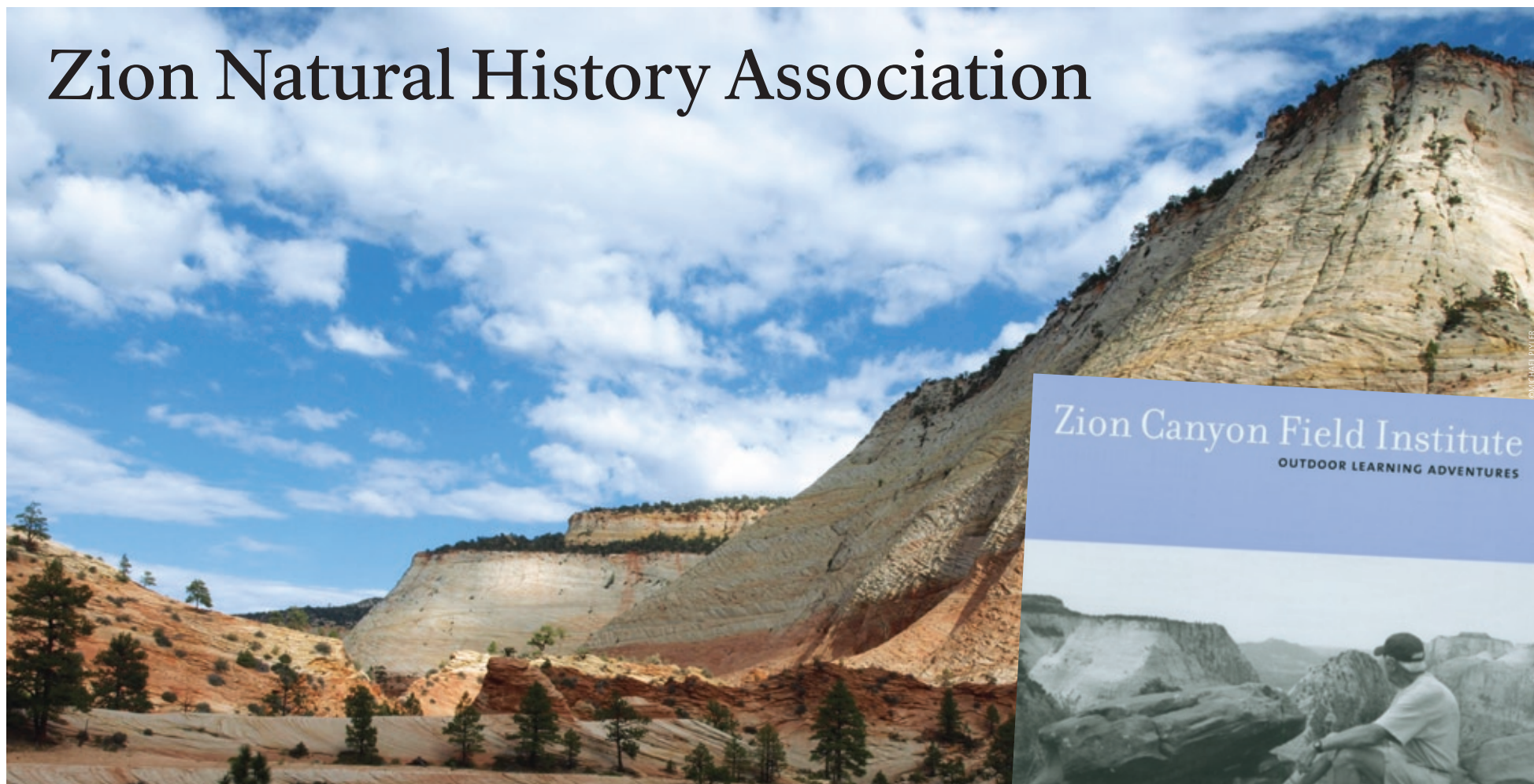
RECYCLING AND TRASH
Zion’s recycling program recycles the park’s glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, and most other excess material. In 2008, Zion diverted 162,470 pounds of waste away from landfills. Participate in local recycling efforts by using the bins inside the park and in the local community.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS
There are several bottle filling stations located throughout the park. Help us reduce waste by bringing a reusable water bottle with you. They are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Lodge, and Zion Human History Museum.



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Zion Natural History Association



The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for the benefit of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members, combined with sales from our bookstores, provides parks with approximately \$600,000 in annual aid.

ZION CANYON FIELD INSTITUTE

The Zion Canyon Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit cooperating association Zion Natural History

Association. These workshops take place in and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES

Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep, capturing the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears behind the West Temple, finding the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash, or discovering and mapping an unrecorded archaeological site. These are the types of experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute participants enjoy during our workshops.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Participants have the opportunity to get a backstage view of Zion, learn intensively about a single subject, and contribute to a project that benefits the park.

PRIVATE WORKSHOPS

Our “Explore Zion” program provides private workshops for your small group or family scheduled at your convenience.

REGISTRATION

Pick up the course catalog at any of the park’s bookstores or call 435 772-3264 or 800 635-3959. To register for a course,

please visit our website at www.zionpark.org or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Fees for one-day workshops range from \$25 to \$60 per day.

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the educational outreach and the Junior Ranger program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive programs, and provides free visitor information about the park.

Join us as a member and receive a twenty-percent discount on all purchases at ZNHA bookstores and ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly newsletter, and special premiums. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- Individual \$45
- Family \$60
- Contributor \$100
- Advocate \$250
- Lifetime \$500

ZION TRIP PLANNING PACKAGE

Plan your vacation to Zion National Park with our hand-selected publications. Includes the books: *Zion: Sanctuary in the Desert*, *Zion Shuttle Guide*, *Hiking Zion and Bryce Canyon*, *Introduction to the Geology of Zion National Park*, and a Zion topographic map. A \$35.29 value for only \$25.95. All books are also available for individual purchase.

ZION NATIONAL PARK ORIENTATION FILM

Enjoy the official Zion National Park orientation film in your own living room. Learn about plants, animals, geology, park history, and what to see and do in Zion. 22 minutes, DVD (plays worldwide, English subtitles) for \$14.95.

MAPS OF ZION

The bookstore sells a wide variety of topographic maps, geologic maps, and maps on CD.

To find out more about the programs and publications available through the Zion Natural History Association, visit www.zionpark.org or call 800 635-3959.

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| April 2-3 | Lytle Preserve |
| April 8 | Thursday Trek |
| April 9 | Zion’s Low Desert Flowers |
| April 10 | Zion Geology |
| April 15-17 | Zion through the Lens |
| April 21 | Wednesday Naturalist Walk |
| April 22 | Mojave Wildflowers |
| April 26 | Plein Air Painting |

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| May 1 | Native Plants & Xeriscaping |
| May 5 | Wednesday Naturalist Walk |
| May 6 | Thursday Trek |
| May 7 | Slickrock Ecology |
| May 14 | Kolob Wildflowers |
| May 17 | Kolob Canyons Geology |
| May 21 | Rim to Floor |
| May 24 | Hanging Gardens of Zion |
| May 26 | Frogs and Toads |
| May 28 | Rim to Floor |

All classes include moderate to strenuous hiking. Most classes include an indoor component such as a lecture, slide presentation, demonstration, or time to examine animal or plant specimens.

Transportation

| Shuttle Schedule | | | |
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| | Spring 4/01 to 5/22 | Summer 5/23 to 9/11 | Fall 9/12 to 10/31 |
| Zion Canyon Loop | | | |
| First Bus Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 6:45 a.m. | 5:45 a.m. | 6:45 a.m. |
| Last Bus Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 9:30 p.m. | 10:30 p.m. | 9:30 p.m. |
| Last Bus Temple of Sinawava | 10:00 p.m. | 11:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. |
| Springdale Loop | | | |
| Express Bus Majestic View Lodge | 6:30 a.m. | 5:30 a.m. | 6:30 a.m. |
| First Bus Zion Canyon Theater | 7:15 a.m. | 7:00 a.m. | 7:15 a.m. |
| Last Bus Zion Canyon Theater | 10:00 p.m. | 11:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. |
| Last Bus Majestic View Lodge | 10:15 p.m. | 11:15 p.m. | 10:15 p.m. |
| The average wait for shuttle buses is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is usually shorter during peak hours. The summer shuttles run at thirty-minute intervals from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. | | | |

Large Vehicles



The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park. It was built in the 1920s when large vehicles were much less common. Vehicles sized 7'10" in width or 11'4" in height, or larger, are required to have an escort, or traffic control, through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Because of the tunnel dimensions, large vehicles cannot travel in one lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats will require an escort.



TUNNEL ESCORTS
Visitors requiring an escort must pay a \$15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at a park entrance before driving to the tunnel. The fee is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period.

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ZION CANYON SHUTTLE
The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only from April 1 to October 31.

The buses are accessible and also have room for backpacks, climbing gear, two bicycles, and other equipment. Buses run throughout the day. The shuttles are free and you may get on and off as often as you like. Pets are not allowed.

SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE

In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale and at the Zion Canyon South Entrance, across the Virgin River from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.



PARKING
All parking areas in the park are usually full between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To avoid wasting

time waiting at the vehicle entrance gate and searching for a parking space, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the park pedestrian entrance. Shuttles pick up and drop off at nine shuttle stops throughout town. If you are staying overnight in Springdale, leave your vehicle and take the shuttle. In addition, groups of one or two people can save on their entrance fee at the pedestrian entrance. One person gets in at the individual rate of \$12 or two for \$24. A group or family

of three or more will not be charged more than the \$25 per vehicle fee.

Improper parking is not safe, can damage park resources, and is discourteous to other visitors. Please park in designated parking places. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced with citations based on violations of signed no parking areas, traffic obstruction, and damage to resources or government property. Park responsibly and avoid a ticket.



AUTOMOBILES
Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is by shuttle bus only. Only the Zion Canyon

Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway through the park is open to private vehicles all year. However, construction delays are possible throughout the year. Use an alternate route to avoid the construction.



PRIVATE TAXIS
You may choose to start your hiking trip in a different location than your destination. Private shuttle and taxi services are available.



OTHER VEHICLES
Other vehicles such as ATVs and OHVs are not permitted in Zion National Park.



If your vehicle is 11'4" (3.4 meters) tall or taller or 7'10" (2.4 meters) wide or wider, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, you will need a tunnel escort.

